



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|---|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/763,431 | 01/22/2004 | Lutz Biedermann | 7948-17 | 6801 |
| 25227 | 7590 | 11/24/2010 | EXAMINER | |
| MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP 1650 TYSONS BOULEVARD SUITE 400 MCLEAN, VA 22102 | | | PHILOGENE, PEDRO | |
| | | ART UNIT | | PAPER NUMBER |
| | | 3733 | | |
| | | NOTIFICATION DATE | DELIVERY MODE | |
| | | 11/24/2010 | ELECTRONIC | |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

EOfficeVA@mofo.com



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP
1650 TYSONS BOULEVARD
SUITE 400
MCLEAN VA 22102

Applicant: Biedermann et al.
Appl. No.: 10/763,431
Filing Date: January 22, 2004
Title: BONE SCREW
Attorney Docket No.: 7948-17
Pub. No.: US 2004/0153077 A1
Pub. Date: August 5, 2004

This is a decision on the request for republication of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), filed on September 23, 2010, for the above-identified application.

The request under 37 CFR 1.221(a) is DISMISSED.

37 CFR 1.221(a) requires “a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)”. If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

The applicant did not supply a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system, as required by 37 CFR 1.221(a) because **the applicant submitted the papers as a “Document for an existing application”, which are entered into the application file, and not as a “Pre-Grant Publication” submission**. The request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, thus republication will not take place.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a Pre-Grant publication submission and must include a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements. The applicant is directed to the following website for additional instructions on how to submit a Pre-Grant Publication submission via the electronic filing system:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/efs/pgpub_quickstart.pdf

Any questions or requests for reconsideration of the decision should be addressed as follows:

By mail to: Mail Stop PGPUB
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

By facsimile: 571-273-8300

Telephone inquiries regarding this correspondence should be directed to The Office of Data Management at 571-272-4200.



Tammy J. Koontz
Office of Data Management
United States Patent & Trademark Office

Adjustment date: 11/24/2010 KKING1
09/24/2010 INTEFSW 00004019 031952 10763431
01 FC:1504 300.00 CR